

NOTICE OF DETERMINATION

TO: Office of Planning and Research
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FROM: Department of Water Resources
Division of Operations and Maintenance
1516 9th Street
Sacramento, California 95814

SUBJECT: Filing of Notice of Determination in Compliance with § 21108 of the Public Resource Code

PROJECT TITLE: Multi-Year Water Banking and Transfer Program for a Portion of San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District's and Dudley Ridge Water District's State Water Project Water Supplies (SWPAO Agreement #22008, #22011 and #22012)

STATE CLEARINGHOUSE NUMBER(S): **SCH #2021120653**

DWR CONTACT PERSON: Patrick Luzuriaga
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LEAD AGENCY CONTACT PERSON: Dale Melville
Dudley Ridge Water District
455 W. Fir Avenue
Clovis, California 93611

PROJECT LOCATION: Kern, Kings and Los Angeles Counties

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

In order for San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District (SGVMWD) and Dudley Ridge Water District (DRWD) to better manage their State Water Project (SWP) water supplies and increase water reliability to help meet water demands within their service areas pursuant to the 2020 Water Banking Agreement between DRWD and SGVMWD, SGVMWD and DRWD have requested DWR's approval for: (1) a Transfer Package comprised of a non-permanent transfer of a portion of DRWD's approved Table A water to SGVMWD's service area and a non-permanent transfer of a portion of SGVMWD's approved Table A water supplies to DRWD's service area, and (2) a multi-year agreement for conveyance of a portion of SGVMWD's approved SWP water supplies to the Kern Water Bank and later recovery of such water for use in SGVMWD's service area.

The Transfer Package consists of two agreements, SWPAO #22011 and SWPAO #22012, between DWR, DRWD and SGVMWD. SWPAO #22011 allows for a non-permanent transfer of a portion of DRWD's SWP Table A Water, up to 22,222 acre-feet per year, to SGVMWD through December 31, 2035. SWPAO #22012 allows for a non-

permanent transfer of a portion of SGVMWD's SWP Table A water, up to 20,000 acre-feet per year, to DRWD through December 31, 2035. A third agreement, SWPAO #22008, between DWR, DRWD, SGVMWD and Kern County Water Agency, will cover the delivery of SGVMWD's SWP water to the Kern Water Bank for storage through December 31, 2030 and for the recovery of such water through December 31, 2035.

This is to advise that DWR, acting as a Responsible Agency, approved the project described above on January 10, 2023 and has made the following determinations:

1. The project will not have a significant effect on the environment.
2. Pursuant to CEQA, DRWD, as the lead public agency, prepared an Initial Study/Negative Declaration dated February 2022 for the DRWD and SGVMWD Water Transfer and Banking Program. DWR independently reviewed and considered this environmental documentation prior to approving this project.
3. Mitigation measures were not made a condition of the approval of this project.
4. A mitigation reporting or monitoring plan was not adopted for this project.
5. A Statement of Overriding Considerations was not adopted for this project.
6. Findings were not made pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.

The 2022 Initial Study/Negative Declaration is available for review at the office of Dudley Ridge Water District, 455 W. Fir Avenue, Clovis California 93619.

APPROVED:

DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES

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1/16/2023

Date